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FINANCIAL REPORTS

OF

ANTRIM, N. H.,

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SCHOOL REPORT.

In compliance with the laws of the State, the Superintending School Committee presents to the town of Antrim the following report of its schools, for the year ending March, 1869:

District No. 1.

Summer Term—IDA B. BUTLER.

This school of fifty-eight scholars, and eight others who attended nearly two weeks, but not considered scholars, was too large for one teacher and so small a house; four being crowded into one seat. From the register I learned that ten were neither tardy, absent, nor dismissed, and eighteen did not whisper during the term.

Fall Term—IDA B. BUTLER.

This school was graded, and the acquirements greater. Some of the classes were the best in town of their age. Miss Butler ranks high as a teacher.

Grammar School—EBEN THOMPSON.

This teacher worked hard to make his school among the best; and if he had been properly sustained, it

would have been. Better behavior on the part of some scholars would have saved the teacher much trouble, and reflected credit upon their parents.

District No. 2.

SERENA P. WHITNEY, Teacher during the year.

This school is too large in winter. Such a range of age and acquirements should be divided. Would it not be for your advantage to have a school in the fall, for the smaller scholars, when everything is more favorable for their punctual attendance, and keep them out of the winter term? Only such teachers as Miss Whitney, who bring tact and experience in teaching and governing, can exhibit fair results. She fully sustained her former excellent reputation.

District No. 3.

LIZZIE E. FORSAITH, Teacher during the year.

The summer school was interrupted by the illness of the teacher. The second term was long, and the closing examination creditable.

District No. 4.

MARY F. SAWYER, Teacher of the first term.

One of our best teachers. As evidence of this, it might be stated that she had taught the school before.

Winter School—FANNIE F. NESMITH.

Active, accurate, and devoted to her trust. The closing examination was satisfactory to all present. A larger proportion attended to writing than in any other school.

District No. 5.

One Term—Henry Gove.

An experienced teacher and a new house insured success. The class in geography recited the best of any heard in town.

District No. 6.

Jennie E. Gray, Teacher both terms.

Her first teaching. She soon enlisted her scholars' attention, and the confidence of their parents, which resulted in a profitable school.

District No. 7.

Melissa M. Wilkins, Teacher both terms.

This was Miss Wilkins' first school, but she soon showed herself mistress of the situation. A quiet working teacher, and a good school.

District No. 8.

One Term—Mary F. Pitcher.

Four young pupils. In my two visits circumstances were such that I did not get much information in regard to the school. From what I know of the teacher, I presume the school was satisfactory to the district.

District No. 9.

Cathie C. Barney, Teacher both terms.

Under her tuition the advancement was superior. Good order and a satisfactory examination at the close were secured.

District No. 11.

DOROTHY M. WILDER.

The smallest school in town, with a veteran teacher—appeared well.

District No. 12.

AMORETT A. HOPKINS, Teacher of the first term.

The examination showed the effect of thorough drill, and gave good satisfaction.

LUCRETIA M. ROBINSON, Teacher second term.

This school is not done, but appears to be doing well.

District No. 13.

JENNIE A. WILSON, Teacher both terms.

This small school appeared well. The teacher havtaught it before, commenced work at once.

Mr. JAMES E. VOSE taught a select school in District No. 2, in the spring, and Miss FANNIE H. NESMITH in District No. 1, in the fall. The names of the teachers is a sufficient guaranty of their usefulness.

REMARKS.

Your committee cannot compare the schools of this with past years; but I am pleased to report a commendable degree of success. In all but three districts, the services of the same teachers were secured during the year—an important consideration. Comparatively few of those qualified, so far as a

knowledge of books is concerned, are capable of teaching a good school; therefore, when you have proved one and found them qualified, engage them again. It may cost a little more, but the extra money will be well invested. Several of our most successful teachers are from this town, and there are many more whom I recommend you to hire rather than strangers. If a teacher is unacquainted with the text books, their services are less valuable. Be sure you hire a teacher possessing all the requisites, then consider the difficulties attending the situation, and train your children, by precept and example, to obey the regulations in every particular. Visit your schools, examine your children at home, show them that you feel an interest in their education, and there will seldom be refractory pupils. A child's conduct at school is a pretty sure index of the discipline and self respect at home. Generally, those who find the most fault with teachers and schools, are those who seldom, or never, visit them, and know least of them.

I remark a tendency to neglect the foundation of all practical knowledge—spelling, writing, reading and mental arithmetic—for advanced studies. The result is, that in many of the higher classes poor spellers are found, and in some schools the writing book has no place. The error of this may be easily seen. But a small proportion of the children will attend a writing school. I would not have the copies set by the different teachers, consequently a change of style every few months, but adopt some system and have it thoroughly taught.

I hope the time is not far distant when we shall have such legislation as may be necessary to regulate the

text books, so they will be uniform throughout the State. As it now is, if a family moves from one town to another, or, in some cases, from one district to another, a change of books must be made at considerable expense, which should be remedied by a proper statute. Occasional changes must be made, to keep pace with the extension of country and improvements in teaching. This year Guyot's series of Geographies were substituted. This work we consider a step in advance. If the several districts would purchase the wall map by the same author, it would be a valuable auxiliary to good instructors.

Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS CHRISTIE, *S. S. Committee.*

Antrim, N. H., Feb. 18, 1869.

Table of Statistics.

SUMMER.

Districts.	Length.	Scholars.	Average Attendance	Tardiness.	Visits by S. C.	P. C.	Citizens.	Wages and Board.
1	8	58	54	28	3	2	37	$27 00
2	10	33	29¼	5	2	2	54	26 00
3	8	25	22	16	2		22	25 00
4	10	9	8¾	14	2		10	25 00
6	8	9	8½	8	2		15	20 00
7	8	8	7	2	2	1	6	18 00
9	6	14	12½	3	2			17 00
12	7	5	3¾		2		20	18 00
13	8	4	3⅝		2		12	16 00

FALL.

1	10	33	28	25	2	1	45	27 00
6	8	14	12½	12	2	1	19	20 00
7	11	12	8⅞	1	2	1	9	20 00
8	10	4	3⅛	57	2		5	14 00
9	6	15	12⅞	9	2	1	20	21 00
11	11	3	3		2	2		16 00
13	6	4	4	1	2	1	18	16 00

WINTER.

1	10	39	33¼	127	4	1	50	50 00
2	9	51	47½	26	3	2	41	36 00
3	14	27	25½	26	3		40	34 00
4	12	13	12⅛	28	2	1	42	28 00
5	10	27	24¼	73	2	2	23	42 00

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1869.

The amount of tax list committed to Harvey Stacy for collection was		$8019 51
Paid as follows:		
State tax,	$2256 28	
County tax,	771 00	
Sundry receipts from treasurer,	4328 65	
Non-resident highway taxes wrought out,	30 72	—$7386 65
Total remaining in collector's hands,		$632 86
By drawback order,		20 00
The auditors charge the selectmen with cash to the amount of		$9279 74
And credit the selectmen as follows:		
By sundry receipts from treasurer,		$9279 74

Receipts into the Treasury.

From treasurer, 1867,	$2414 26	
" collector, "	826 20	
Bank tax, "	220 32	
Selectmen,	8784 30	
Poor farm, for ashes,	7 80	
" " produce,	20 00	
County pauper's board,	37 14	
Stone, Murray & Co., circus license,	10 00	
Literary fund,	48 96	
Savings bank tax,	371 54	
J. W. Perkins, committee to sell poor farm,	800 00	
Received from collector,	4328 65	
Drawback order,	20 00	—$17889 17

Paid out as follows:

School Orders.

Including dog fund, $54 00.

Eph. Simonds, for Dist. No. 1,	$256 02
J. S. Parmenter, " " 2,	161 36
Sam. S. Sawyer, " " 3,	160 84
Newton Perry, " " 4,	99 78
Chas. B. Cram, " " 5,	64 00
A. R. Barker, " " 6,	43 50
J. P. Gibson, " " 7,	51 95
B. F. Dustin, " " 8,	42 47
B. F. McIlvin, " " 9,	40 39
Clark Hopkins, " " 10,	6 65
Wm. Weston, " " 11,	43 10
Hiram Eaton, " " 12,	58 34
J. S. Shedd, " " 13,	25 90
S. C. Murdough, " " 14,	12 68
	$1066 98

Breaking Roads.

J. S. Parmenter,	$6 30	O. K. Carr,	$6 65
A. Story,	4 25	B. F. McIlvin,	15 43
J. White,	2 55	J. G. Flint,	6 90
G. Brown,	3 00	J. Combs,	4 01
S. A. Holt,	11 70	D. McIlvin.	13 69
G. E. Thompson,	10 05	J. G. Wilkins,	15 30
N. B. Herrick,	2 33	J. Boyd,	2 85
T. Thompson,	11 17	P. Hart,	5 75
W. Duncan,	9 05	J. W. Wallace,	15 23
C. Butterfield,	3 00	C. F. Holt,	2 25
B. F. Dustin,	5 70	T. S. Worthley,	1 12
L. Parker,	16 40	L. S. Curtis,	18 65
H. Eaton,	8 85	B. F. Dustin,	15 65
D. Bass,	4 60	T. D. Twiss,	8 54
O. Swett,	12 65	J. D. Mathews,	7 95
F. Dunlap,	20 30	T. Flint,	6 90
J. Loveren,	16 45	F. Dunlap,	1 05
Amos Dodge,	15 45	E. F. Gould,	16 50
J. M. Tuttle,	16 58	D. White,	13 04
J. Moulton,	10 34	H. M. Barker,	5 30
D. Swett,	10 04	D. Swett,	15 75
S. Dinsmore,	2 50	A. Baldwin,	6 00
W. R. Carr,	1 65		
			$409 42

Town Orders.

J. S. Parmenter, services as sexton,	$19 00
N. B. Herrick, repairing Keene road,	12 85
David Hills, dead dog,	1 00
Geo. E. Thompson, repairing highway,	3 25
B. W. Sanborn, blank books,	3 37
" " general statutes,	5 00

M. B. Woodbury, tax on real estate sold,	$12 00
J. B. Woodbury, powder and fuse,	44
David Bass, support of watering trough,	1 50
Hannah Clark, interest money,	13 56
A. Fairfield, printing orders and notes,	1 70
" " powder and fuse,	1 46
J. Loveren, bridge plank and stringers,	29 69
A. Fairfield, use of room,	2 00
C. H. Griffin, interest,	48 36
Hiram Griffin, "	102 31
M. B. McIlvin, services as sexton,	10 00
" " " constable,	4 00
J. A. Tuttle, interest,	6 00
O. K. Carr, repairing highway,	4 00
G. F. Parmenter, services as constable,	3 00
" " lumber for bridge,	3 70
B. F. Dustin, repairing highway,	5 00
L. S. Curtis, bridge plank,	13 44
Wm. Curtis, support of watering trough,	3 00
Thos. D. Twiss, repairing highway,	1 60
Simeon Buck, over tax, 1867,	3 00
Josiah Herrick, tax abated,	2 58
J. D. Mathews, repairing highway,	2 75
Wm. Weston, tax abated,	2 58
Thos. Flint, bridge plank,	7 12
R. P. Saltmarsh, interest,	11 76
E. D. Putney, services as town clerk,	20 77
R. P. Saltmarsh, services as sexton,	19 00
Estate of R. Boutelle, " "	2 00
J. S. Shedd, bank tax illegally assessed, 1866,	19 55
J. A. Tuttle, " " " " "	9 77
Mary B. Fox, over tax, 1867,	9 40
James Boyd, bank tax, 1866,	95 12
Sarah C. Curtis, interest,	60 00
Ira Cochran, bank tax, 1866,	1 57
Dr. M. Christie, " " "	39 10
Nancy McKean, " " "	10 32
A. M. Woodbury, " "	39 10
Mary Christie, " " "	37 14
Ira Cochran, " " "	8 20
Farnum & Scott, printing reports,	25 00
J. Combs, damage from defect in road,	25 00
Hannah Clark, interest,	15 00
C. M. Worthley, highway tax wrought out,	1 24
J. H. Cleaves, interest,	13 20
J. E. Vose, support of watering trough,	3 00
Estate of E. L. Vose, care town house,	5 00
Geo. R. Orcutt, loss of cow by defect in highway,	15 00
W. M. Conn, endorsement on note,	150 00
T. M. Paige, interest,	148 69
J. Loveren, lumber and repairing bridge,	35 00
Geo. W. Eaton, repairing bridge,	5 00
Gil. Dunlap, tax abated, 1867,	4 21
C. P. Brackett, " " "	4 51
E. W. Esty " " "	4 51

H. M. Boyd, tax on money in savings bank,	8 76
Estate of J. Hills, interest,	24 00
J. S. Shedd, highway bank tax wrought out, 1867,	3 10
J. A. Tuttle, " " " " "	1 55
R. S. Simonds, over tax, 1867–68,	5 50
Lydia Curtis, dead dog,	1 00
Wm. Duncan, gravel for road,	87
L. Thompson, bridge plank,	10 83
Betsey Robinson, endorsement on note,	75 00
I. W. Sweetser, interest,	104 98
Mary Nesmith, interest,	26 24
Persis Wilson, "	9 00
Dr. M. Christie, services as S. S. Committee,	50 00
Geo. A. Cochran, services as selectman and money paid out,	108 00
J. H. Potter, printing,	1 50
A. Baldwin, bridge plank,	2 04
E. D. Putney, use of room,	1 50
R. S. Chesmore, lumber for railing,	6 00
H. Stacy, services as collector,	58 00
Eph. Simonds, " constable,	1 50
" " " auditor,	6 00
W. N. Tuttle, " "	6 00
James Boyd, " treasurer,	40 00
J. C. Butterfield, school money, 1867,	40 07
Leander Smith, services as selectman,	56 00
H. Stacy, drawback order,	20 00
Geo. A. Cochran, stationery,	4 50
	$1838 86

Poor Farm Orders.

J. B. Woodbury, goods for poor farm,	$141 18
J. W. Perkins, pigs " " "	5 00
A. Fairfield, goods " " "	18 74
E. Sawyer, smithing,	3 67
Wm. Flint, difference between oxen,	20 00
Nathan Stacy's salary, 1867,	237 00
E. D. Putney, goods for farm,	40 96
A. Fairfield, " "	54 47
Geo. W. Eaton, meat "	11 51
L. Thompson, goods "	15 49
N. Stacy, balance on private account,	18 43
D. & L. G. Bass, meat,	13 49
Geo. A. Cochran, Overseer,	15 00
	$594 94

Poor not on Farm.

J. B. Woodbury, goods for I. F. Walker,	$3 66
J. F. Balch, support of Polly Robbins, 1867–8,	165 00
L. S. Curtis, aid to Mary Nesmith, 1867,	1 00
F. M. Shattuck, keeping Walker's cow,	8 25
E. D. Putney, goods for Walker,	18 48
Col. L. Richardson, aid to Mary Atwood,	9 00

Francis Pitcher, wintering Walker's cow, 1867–8,	10 00
G. D. Joslin & Co., goods for Walker,	7 80
J. K. Goodell, aid for Walker,	5 50
	$228 69

Poor at Lewis Green's.

J. B. Woodbury, goods for R. Butters,	$2 30
J. W. Perkins, lumber to repair room,	3 00
J. M. Duncan, labor and nails,	6 84
Lewis Green, boarding paupers, $8 per week,	96 00
L. Thompson, soapstone stove and funnel,	22 78
	$130 92

Notes Paid.

Chas. H. Griffin,	$101 63	Hiram Griffin,	202 00
David M. Stacy,	65 00	Ira Cochran,	554 96
Geo. L. Herrick,	127 61	Sarah A. Starrett,	499 82
" " "	141 31	Dimon Twiss,	126 28
Chas. H. Dodge,	177 31	Samuel Nay,	112 36
A. Fairfield,	176 50	W. W. Story,	399 30
Sally Dodge,	530 00	Alice Griffin,	65 15
L. & J. B. Woodbury,	709 25	Langdon Swett,	128 27
Hannah Clark,	150 00	C. H. Tarbell,	738 30
Hiram Griffin,	200 00	C. E. Morrows,	171 77
" "	1000 00	Delia M. Sweetser,	506 25
" "	200 00	Sarah C. Curtis,	1018 16
Louisa H. Tenney,	120 54	H. B. Newman,	989 61
Mark True,	383 33	R. P. Saltmarsh,	120 29
" "	511 10	" " "	129 74
J. M. Wilson,	106 42	Hannah Clark,	100 00
N. B. Herrick,	746 22		
Mark Simonds,	177 46		$11485 91

Whole amount received into the treasury,	$17889 17
Whole amount of expenditures,	15755 72
	$2133 45

Finances of the Town.

Daniel Story,	$300 00	Daniel Holt,	81 00
" "	530 00	Hannah G. Holt,	50 00
Leonora Nichols,	176 50	James Wood,	132 00
A. Fairfield,	176 50	William Curtis,	746 22
M. Christie,	177 31	George L. Herrick,	268 92
" "	709 25	Caleb Clark,	100 00
Daniel Holt,	175 00	Nancy Clark,	60 00
Orrel Abbott,	100 00	Azubah Clark,	40 00
John Goodell,	200 00	Augusta S. Carr,	60 00
Charles E. Eaton,	200 00	Hiram Griffin,	400 00
C. J. Whitney, Jr.,	150 00	" "	1000 00
Daniel Story,	300 00	D. M. Stacy,	65 00
C. Boutelle,	400 00	Hannah O. Abbott,	1014 97
J. W. Perkins,	200 00	R. P. Saltmarsh,	250 00
Hannah Clark,	250 00	Mary Moulton,	100 00

James Wood,	100 00	Caleb Clark,	602 13
" "	150 08	" "	100 00
" "	55 52	Thos. Thompson,	50 00
" "	171 77	" "	150 00
" "	250 00	H. P. Ramsey,	523 00
Mary D. Nesmith,	100 00	C. J. Whitney, Jr.,	125 00
J. Hills,	400 00	Ellen M. Pike,	50 00
W. N. Tuttle,	75 00	" " "	50 00
J. A. Tuttle,	100 00	Nancy Clark,	100 00
T. S. Holmes,	250 00	Daniel Story,	350 00
Alice Grffin,	600 00	J. W. Dodge,	100 00
Mary Christie,	100 00	A. L. Pike,	100 00
W. M. Conn,	400 00	A. Clark,	307 79
Isaiah Sweetser,	400 00	Samuel Wood,	514 04
Morris Christie,	200 00	C. H. Griffin,	200 00
" "	146 00	J. H. Cleaves,	220 00
" "	100 00	Nancy B. Muzzey,	40 00
Imla Wright,	200 00	Amos Corey,	200 00
J. E. Hastings,	450 00	E. Z. Hastings,	100 00
R. S. Chesmore,	300 00	Asa Robinson,	762 32
Caroline Wilson,	300 00	Edmund Sawyer,	100 00
H. S. True,	100 00	" "	400 00
Mark True,	300 00	" "	150 00
" "	265 51	" "	150 00
" "	226 76	" "	400 00
" "	968 62	R. P. Saltmarsh,	400 00
" "	861 00	M. J. Story,	157 80
" "	193 23	T. M. Paige,	1203 10
" "	210 00	C. Boutelle,	150 00
J. H. Hadley,	125 00	Eliza Wilson,	100 00
P. Parmenter,	300 00	R. Boutelle,	100 00
P. Parmenter,	25 00	Betsey V. Rogers,	93 00
Mary Christie,	683 00	" " "	93 00
H. O. Abbott,	500 00	Persis Wilson,	150 00
" " "	500 00	Hiram Eaton,	332 55
" " "	100 00	W. B. Curtis,	200 00
James Bazley,	500 00	" " "	135 00
" "	200 00	" " "	100 00
" "	75 00		
" "	300 00		$28654 89

Interest unpaid,	3000 00
Due Nathan Stacy,	350 00
School money, District No. 10,	29 06
Total amount of liabilities,	$32033 95
In the Treasury,	$2133 45
In Collector's hands,	612 86
Amount of notes and accounts, and property unsold at the farm,	1700 00
	$4446 31
Whole amount of town debt,	$27587 64

EPH. SIMONDS, }
W. N. TUTTLE, } AUDITORS.

February, 20, 1869.

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REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Poor Farm, Dr.

To various orders reported,		$357 94
Nathan Stacy's salary,		350 00
Stock, hay, grain, provisions, &c., on hand, Feb. 20, 1868,		1116 92
		$1824 86

Poor Farm, Cr.

Stock, hay, grain, provisions, &c., on hand Dec. 1, 1868,	$1150 00	
Sundry articles sold prior to December,	119 70	
		$1269 70
Balance,		$555 16
Paid for poor not on farm,	$228 69	
Paupers at L. Green's,	130 92	
	$359 61	
Received from county,	37 14	
Whole cost of poor not on farm,		$322 47
Whole cost of poor,		$877 63

Leonard McAlister and Mary Griffin were removed to the County Farm, Oct. 30. Mary Atwood and child were at the farm about three months. Isaac F. Walker, wife and five children were at the farm two weeks. Betsey Swain, Almira E. Tuttle and Reuben Butters were removed from the farm to Lewis Green's, Nov. 27, where they are boarded at an expense of $8 per week.

Respectfully submitted by

GEO. A. COCHRAN, Overseer of Poor.

REMARKS.—The selectmen believe that every note held against the town is this year reported, as they have made some exertions to find those that have been accidentally omitted.